

A TASTE OF NORTH SPITSBERGEN - COMPACT ARCTIC ADVENTURE

This 5-night voyage packs great value into a condensed time period, providing superb opportunities to encounter iconic Arctic wildlife, including polar bears, seals, and walruses, without the need for extended vacation leave! Venture to the edge of the pack ice, and discover vibrant seabird colonies as you explore historical remains and wildlife haul-out spots. For time-conscious adventurers, the trip of a lifetime awaits!



ITINERARY

Day 1: Longyearbyen - the start of your journey

You touch down in Longyearbyen, the administrative center of Spitsbergen, the largest island of the Svalbard archipelago. Enjoy strolling around this former mining town, whose parish church and Svalbard Museum make for fascinating attractions. Though the countryside appears stark, more than 100 plant species have been recorded here. In the early evening, the ship sails out of Isfjorden, where you might spot the first minke whale of your voyage.

Day 2: Kongsfjorden and Krossfjord



Today, we will explore Ny Ålesund, one of the northernmost settlements on Earth. Once a mining village served by the world's most northerly railway, the tracks of which can still be seen, Ny Ålesund is now a research center. The community is a breeding ground for barnacle geese, pink-footed geese, and Arctic terns. If you're interested in the history of Arctic exploration, visit the anchoring mast used by polar explorers Amundsen and Nobile in their airships, Norge (1926) and Italia (1928).

There are also opportunities to visit a museum dedicated to life in Ny Ålesund in the past, and to explore historic buildings. At the post office, you can send a postcard home! In the afternoon, we head north some way into breathtaking Krossfjord. Overnight, the ship will sail along the west coast, heading north.

Day 3: Exploring the north west

Today, we head for Ytre Norskøya, where you have the chance to hike in the footsteps of whalers from the 17th century, who used the promontory here to spot bowhead whales. Several graves dot the landscape here, while sea cliffs play host to several species of seabird. At Raudfjorden, on the north coast of Spitsbergen, you can take in an expansive fjord spilling with glaciers - and maybe even be visited by ringed and bearded seals.

The cliffs and shoreline of this fjord also support thriving seabird colonies, rich vegetation, and the possibility of seeing polar bears and Arctic foxes on the prowl.

Day 4: Northward - the pack ice awaits!

We sail due north until we reach the edge of the pack ice the next day. From there, we sail southwest in the outer fringes of the sea ice south to west of Spitsbergen, where we expect to see seals, polar bears, ivory gulls, and whales, including bowhead whales. We will explore the fringes of the sea ice, providing superb photography opportunities and a chance to explore this ethereal landscape.

Day 5: Forlandsundet and Poolepynten

In the course of the afternoon, we arrive at the southern end of Prins Karls Forland, where we want to land some way into Forlandsundet at Poolepynten, a haul-out place for walruses. Alternatively, we might sail to Alkhornet at the mouth of Isfjorden and land there. Seabirds nest on these cliffs, Arctic foxes search below for fallen eggs and chicks, and reindeer graze the sparse vegetation. In the mouth of the fjord, we often see minke whales, so spending time on deck is recommended!

Day 6: Longyearbyen - the end of your journey

Early morning, we arrive in Longyearbyen once again. Here, with memories made, we say our goodbyes before you explore more of the settlement or prepare for your flights home.

Please note:

Itineraries are subject to change.



YOUR SHIP: ORTELIUS

YOUR SHIP: **Ortelius**

VESSEL TYPE:

LENGTH:

PASSENGER CAPACITY:

BUILT/REFURBISHED:

The ice-strengthened vessel "Ortelius" is an excellent vessel for Polar expedition cruises in the Arctic and Antarctica, providing possibilities to adventure remote locations such as the Ross Sea. The vessel has the highest ice-class notation (UL1 equivalent to 1A) and is therefore very suitable to navigate in solid one-year sea ice and loose multi-year pack ice. "Ortelius" is a great expedition vessel for 100 passengers with lots of open-deck spaces and a very large bridge which is accessible to the passengers. The vessel is manned by 34 highly experienced crew, 15 international catering staff, including stewardesses, 6 expedition staff (1 expedition leader and 5 guides/lecturers) and 1 doctor. "Ortelius" offers a comfortable hotel standard, with two restaurants, a bar/lecture room and a sauna. Ortelius' voyages are primarily developed to offer our passengers a quality exploratory wildlife program, trying to spend as much time ashore as possible. As the number of passengers is limited to approximately 100 on the "Ortelius", flexibility assures maximum wildlife opportunities. Passengers on a typical voyage range from in their 30s to their 80s, with the majority usually between 45 65. Our expeditions attract independent travelers from around the globe who are characterized by a strong interest in exploring remote regions. The camaraderie that develops on board is an important part of the Oceanwide experience, and many passenger groups include several nationalities. "Ortelius" was built in Gdynia, Poland in 1989, was named "Marina Svetaeva", and served as a special purpose vessel for the Russian Academy of Science. The vessel is re-flagged and renamed "Ortelius". Ortelius was a Dutch / Flemish cartographer. Abraham Ortelius (1527 - 1598) published the first modern world atlas, the Theatrum Orbis Terrarum or Theatre of the World in 1570. At that time, the atlas was the most expensive book ever printed. What to Wear In keeping with the spirit of expedition, dress on board is informal. Bring casual and comfortable clothing for all activities, and keep in mind that much of the scenery can be appreciated from deck which can be slippery. Bring sturdy shoes with no-slip soles, and make sure your parka is never far away in case one of our crew shouts "Whales!" over the loudspeaker and you have to dash outside in a moment's notice. Opt for layers, as it is comfortably warm aboard the ship though often cold on deck. Electric Current The electrical supply aboard ship is 220v, 60Hz. Electrical outlets are standard European with two thick round pins, so some passengers may need a 220v/110v converter. Tipping The customary gratuity to the ship's service personnel is made as a blanket contribution at the end of the voyage and is divided among the crew. Tipping is a personal matter, and the amount you wish to give is at your sole discretion. As a generally accepted guideline, we suggest 8 10 euros per passenger per day. It is better for the crew if you give cash. Smoking Policy Ortelius has a non-smoking policy inside, though you can smoke

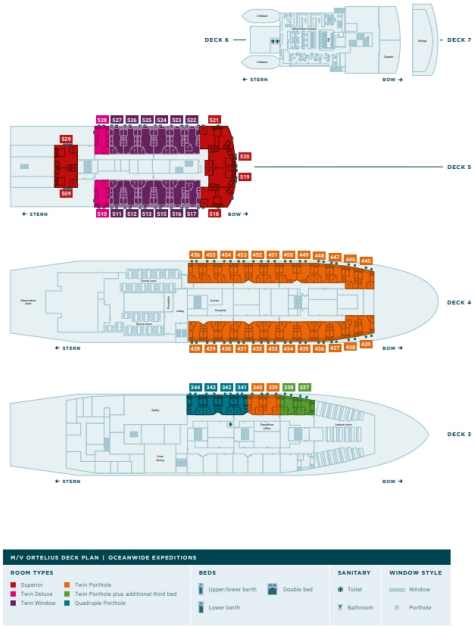
in certain designated areas. We ask that you please respect the wishes of non-smokers and please never throw your cigarette ends overboard or anywhere except the



designated bin.



INSIDE YOUR SHIP



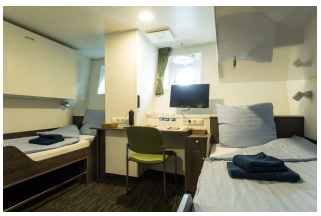
Quadruple Porthole



Superior



Triple Porthole



Twin Deluxe



Twin Porthole



Twin Window





PRICING

30-Jun-2027 to 05-Jul-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£2508 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£2975 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£3485 GBP pp
Twin Window	£3782 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£4038 GBP pp
Superior	£4462 GBP pp

05-Jul-2027 to 10-Jul-2027

Quadruple Porthole	£2508 GBP pp
Triple Porthole	£2975 GBP pp
Twin Porthole	£3485 GBP pp
Twin Window	£3782 GBP pp
Twin Deluxe	£4038 GBP pp
Superior	£4462 GBP pp